

**SIERRA VISTA YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**APRIL 19, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

R. Jacobs, Chair, called the meeting of the Sierra Vista Youth Commission to order at 5:05 p.m. at the Teen Center, 3405 E. Fry Blvd., Sierra Vista.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Krysta Ellis  
Ariana Heinrich  
Rachel Jacobs  
Kameron Peyton  
Dominic Valentin

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tim Tolmie

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Emily Scherrer, Library Manager  
Alesia Ash, City Council Liaison  
Debra Chatham, Library Recorder  
McKenna Heck, Miss Cochise County's Outstanding Teen 2016  
Dave Mariotte, Journalist  
Colette Beatty, Member of the Public

**3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

K. Peyton moved that the agenda be accepted as written. K. Ellis seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5—0. The motion carried.

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 15, 2016**

A. Heinrich moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2016 be accepted as written. K. Peyton seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5—0. The motion carried.

**5. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ON CITY RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS—  
Councilmember Alesia Ash:**

Councilmember Ash reported that the Council resolved the issues created by a recently passed ordinance which inadvertently prohibited food trucks.

Alesia asked if the Commissioners are still interested in a Commission vs. City Council laser tag tournament. The Commissioners indicated interest in discussing this event in future meetings.

**6. STAFF LIAISON REPORT ON DEPARTMENT ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES—Emily Scherrer:**

E. Scherrer mentioned that the Youth Commission bylaws stated that Commissioners could be removed from the Commission for repeated absences so it is important for Commissioners to communicate with her or Debra if they will not be able to attend a meeting.

Emily mentioned that there was a break in and theft at the Teen Center recently and various security measures are being considered. Police officers will be doing frequent checks of the building.

Emily mentioned an increased interest in programs at the Teen Center. She said the culinary and stargazing programs went well.

Emily said that Teen Center program attendance statistics will be kept.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Final discussion on annual commission report to council  
Commissioner Jacobs reported that she and Commissioner Valentin gave the presentation and it went well.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Sidewalk chalk promotion  
Emily asked the Commissioners if in lieu of decorating for the Spring Dance, Commissioners would help with the first day of the Summer Reading program sign-up by doing some sidewalk chalk drawings.
- b. Discussion/decision on Commissioner Valentin's application to reapply to the Commission  
The Commissioners did not wish to discuss the application, agreeing that it could be sent directly to Council.

## **9. TEEN CENTER DESIGN, POLICIES, & PROGRAMMING**

- a. Spring Dance  
The Spring Dance will be May 27 at the Teen Center. Emily asked Commissioners to attend if they could. The Commissioners agreed they did not wish to decorate.
- b. Collaboration with Arts & Humanities Open Mike Program  
Commissioner Heinrich talked about the Arts & Humanities Commission plans for an open mike event. The first event is scheduled for June 3 at the Centennial Pavilion in Veterans Memorial Park and is open to all ages and talents. Commissioner Heinrich invited the Commissioners to go to Arts & Humanities Commission meetings if they wanted to be involved in the planning or get more information. The Commissioners discussed ways they might be involved and asked if a Commissioner from the Arts & Humanities Commission could attend a Youth Commission meeting to give them more information. Commissioner Heinrich said she thought that might be possible. The item will remain on the agenda for further discussion.
- c. Slime Making—Youth Commission Program  
The program will be at the Teen Center April 28 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Emily asked the Commissioners to help with the program.

## **1. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

McKenna Heck, Miss Cochise County's Outstanding Teen 2016, introduced herself, discussed her plans for a leadership day event, and asked if the Commissioners would be interested in helping with the event. The Commissioners expressed interest and asked that this item be placed on the next agenda.

Councilmember Ash mentioned Congresswoman McSally's office is accepting applications for the Congressional Young Women Leadership Program. Councilmember Ash will send applications and information to the Commissioners. The deadline to turn in applications is May 9.

## **2. REQUESTS OF THE COMMISSION AND FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no requests of the Commission.

## **3. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 17, 5:00 p.m., at the Teen Center, 3405 E. Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista.

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R. Jacobs, Chair

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D. Chatham, Recorder

The purpose of the Youth Commission is to advise City Council on matters of concern to the youth of Sierra Vista, and to recommend and encourage action programs and legislation beneficial to the youth of the community; promote better understanding and integration of youth and the local government, and assist in the planning, operation and evaluation of the local service delivery system for youth related services as consumers of these services.